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Rev. S. D. Chown,

Toronto.

My dear Dr. Chown:

The names of Mr. Courtice and Mr. Cleaver have both been considered by our military committee. I asked them to look into these cases carefully and naturally I must follow the judgment of my military advisers. They spoke well of these men, but there has been such a number of applications of men who have had experience that it has been necessary for us to refuse many requests for commissions. The principle was laid down at Ottawa that we must first consider those who had been overseas and a number of our recommendations have been rejected.

Mr. Cleaver I think has gone into the unit as a private. In any case if we had sent his name forward it would have been rejected because men whom we recommended with fuller qualifications have been refused.

Thank you very much for your kind words with regard to the University and the war. I am sure everybody is doing his best and I hope that the end is nearer than seemed a while ago.

Yours sincerely,

President.